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5W, SAMOA (Update/Refer to OPDX.424). Gerard, PA3AXU, informs OPDX that he will arrive in 5W-land early morning (local time) September 28th, and he states that he should have had enough time to sleep during his flights (total travelling time 29 hours). He states that he will be active on PSK31 and hopes that Pacific will allow at least some low band activity, although he will not be taking an amplifier. All equipment and software has been tested last weekend. Gerard adds, "My XYL Ria will go with me, but she promised me that she will take enough books to read, so that the time I can be QRV is 'unlimited'." Activity will last until October 14th. QSL via: G.A.M.C. Dijkers, Dokter P.A. Cornethof 3, 6669AZ Dodewaard (The Netherlands).

7Q7, MALAWI. NODXA member Edwin, ZS5BBO, reports that he will hopefully be operating a station from the shores of **Lake Malawi** from **December 19-26th**. Edwin mentions that he doesn't have a callsign as of yet, but he has been told it could be **7Q7BB** or **7Q7BO**. This will be a SSB operation only on 10, 15 and 20 meters using his IC-706MK2 and possibly the antenna that is already up at the hotel where he is staying. Please stay tuned for further updated information regarding Edwin's vacation plans.

9A2000, BRIONI ISLANDS (Update/Change, Please refer to OPDX.420). Mac, W3HC, informs OPDX that Sado, 9A2OP, reported that some changes have been made to their DXpedition plans. The authorities have changed their callsign to be used. The new callsign will be **9A2000B** instead of 9A2000FT which was announced earlier. They will be active on the Brioni Islands group (**EU-110**) now **until September 8th**. As this bulletin was being prepared, activity so far seems to be mainly 15 and 20 meters. Watch 14011, 14260, 21238 and 21260 kHz. QSL via 9A7K.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Reinhard, DL6DQW, will be active **September 18-21th** as **C91RF**. QSL via homecall.

CN, MOROCCO. Members of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC) are forming a Multi/Multi

team to participate in the upcoming **CQWW DX Contests**. The contests callsign (CW/SSB) will be **CN8WW**. CN8WW will have separate stations on all six bands for the complete 48 hours of both contests. Suggested frequencies for the CQWW SSB Contest (October 30-31st) +/- QRM are: 1855, 3755, 7055, 14255, 21355 and 28355 kHz. Suggested frequencies for the CQWW CW Contest (November 27-28th) +/- QRM are: 1833, 3533, 7033, 14033, 21033 and 28033 kHz. QSL CN8WW to DL6FBL via the bureau or direct to: Bernd Och, Chr.-Wirth-Str. 18, D-36043 Fulda, Germany. For the latest updates, check out the CN8WW Web site at: <http://www.dl6fbl.de/cn8ww/> For questions, send to the CN8WW E-mail Address: cn8ww@boc.de

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Look for Jeff, G4ELZ, to be active as **EA8/G4ELZ/P**, **September 4-18th** from **Puerto de la Cruz**. Activity will be mainly 20 meters CW during his evenings and mornings. Watch for him around 14060 kHz.

EAST TIMOR VOTES FOR INDEPENDENCE. Over the past weekend the Associated Press reported that the "U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced Friday night what was apparent all week - that East Timorese had voted in a landslide to end a quarter-century of often brutal Indonesian rule. U.N. officials said that 344,580 people, or 78.5 percent, voted to split with the world's fourth most-populous nation. The news triggered a violent backlash by anti-independence forces, who had favored autonomy within Indonesia and had tried to disrupt the vote by attacking U.N. workers. At least four local U.N. workers were killed this week and another six were missing and feared dead." The Indonesian government is expected to respect the referendum and grant East Timor independence. Stay tuned!

GEARED UP FOR THE CQWW DX CONTESTS. Jim Neiger, N6TJ, reports, "Once again, 'NEIGER'S TIGERS' is forming multiple Teams for the upcoming **CQWW DX Contest, both SSB and CW**. Just when you thought it safe to return to the jungle....." Last year's CQ WW SSB, Jim's "TIGERS" placed 3 teams in the Top Ten, plus a new all time SSB Team Record. Jim states that he will return to Ascension Island as **ZD8Z** for the SSB contest, 10 meters only, and then to Brazil for the CW contest, also 10 meters only from **ZX5J** QTH.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. HC8N will be activated in the **CQWW RTTY Contest** this month as a multi-multi effort operated by N5KO, W6OTC, K6AW, WF1B, N4GN, W5AP and HC1OT. QSL via AA5BT.

HS, THAILAND. "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Don, G3VFU (ex A92BE, A45XU), is now active as **HS0/G3VFU** and only for an unspecified time. We have seen no QSNs reported yet, but look for him on SSB. QSL via W3HNC.

HUNTING LIONS ON THE AIR CONTEST - JANUARY 2000. The **29th annual Hunting Lions on the Air contest** will take place on the weekend of **January 15-16th**, in the year 2000. This contest is to create and foster a spirit of understanding and co-operation among radio amateurs and Lions through worldwide communication. This contest is to commemorate the birthday of the founder of Lionism, Melvin Jones, born at Ft. Thomas, Arizona, USA, on January 13, 1879. For more details please visit the following Web site: <http://www.sarl.org.za/contests/lionita.htm> Edwin, ZS5BBO, will be signing his contest callsign **ZS5T** and will be operating the station on behalf of the Durban South Lions Club. By the way, Edwin is also the Vice President of the Durban South Lions Club.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-NEW**. Look for **BI7Y** to be active from **Xisha Archipelago** (Paracel Island) in the South China Sea. Nine operators from China will participate in this activity. They are: BA1AJ, BA1DU, BA1HAM, BA4RC, BA4TA, BA7IA, BA7JA, BG7YB and BG7YC. The activity is supported by Chinese Radio Sports Association, The Beijing DX Club and The Island Radio Expedition Foundation Inc. The team members will assemble at **Hainan Island (AS-094)** on **September 5th**. They will operate there using their **home callsign/7** for about 24 hours, and then they will start to go to **Yangxing Island**, Xisha Archipelago by boat on **September 7th**. They expect to be active on the island at 0500z on the **8th** and will stay for **5 days**, and then leave the island on the **13th**. They will set up two stations with one beam and one PA and will work on CW, SSB and RTTY on the normal IOTA frequencies from 40 meters to 10 meters. They will answer all QSL cards which come from QSL bureau, or you can send your QSL cards via official QSL bureau (P.O.Box 6106, Beijing 100061, China), or you can send your cards to BA7JA directly (P.O.Box 1713, Guangzhou 510600, China). Any question should be sent to BI7Y team coordinators Alan/BA1DU (ba1du@arrl.net) and Yang/BA7JA (ba7ja@amsat.org).
- **AS-073**. Tex, **9M2TO**, will be active again from Redang Beach Resort on **Redang Island** from **September 18-21st**. Activity will be mainly CW on 40-10 meters. His son JF0GEV will also be an operator. QSL to the bureau via JA0DMV or direct to 9M2TO Penang QTH. All the QSOs will be sent via the JARL Bureau before the end of October AUTOMATICALLY!

LAST CHANCE TO WORK ZD8V. Paul, ZD8V/KF4OOK, reports: "ZD8V will go **QRT** on Wednesday, **September 8th**. I got to pack up everything and turn it in for shipping on September 10th. I will try to be on the air as much as I can. I will be trying to show up on the 247 DX net (14.247 MHz), the ANNSE Net (14.164 MHz around 0700Z) and the JA DX Net (21.365 MHz around 2000Z). I am looking for Pacific DXCC places. I am kind of weak on them. I am also looking for the members of two clubs. The Mercer Co. ARC in Sharon Pa and the Indian River ARC in Cocoa Fl. I would like to work as many of the above as I can as well as working every one else.....On September 8th, I will have to go QRT then go to work on mid-days and then I will pack up my computer and ham station. I hope propagation is very good the next week as I will be spending as much time on the air as I can and I want to get the most out of the bands." NOTE: Please see new QSL route for ZD8V down below.

PACIFIC OPERATION UPDATE (T31, Kanton Island and ZK3, Fakaofu Island).

Operator/QSL Manager Lech, LA7MFA, reports that the "1999 Double Trouble DXpedition" is right on track, and they expect to have their first team members in Pago Pago, American Samoa on Tuesday, **September 7th**. Look for Steve, **KH8/G4EDG**, on CW and Nils, **KH8/SM6CAS** on SSB. QSL via their home callsign. From **September 14-17th**, there might be some additional operation by the rest of the team. Look for **KH8/SM7PKK**, **KH8/SM0AGD** and **KH8/KK6HC**. QSL via their home callsign except for the last one which goes to LA7MFA. New updated QSL routes are now placed on their main Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/t31t/> Lech states that the operating frequencies for the T31 and ZK3 operations can be found on the Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/t31t/qrg.html> A quick look at the site shows the following suggested frequencies:

- **CW** - 1825, 3505 (EU), 3535, 7005 (EU), 7035, 10125, 14005 (EU), 14035, 18075, 21005 (EU), 21035, 24895, 28005 (EU), 28035, 50110 kHz

- **SSB** - 3795, 7045, 14145 (EU), 14245, 18145, 21245, 24945 28445 kHz
- **RTTY** - 14080, 21080, 28080 kHz

Remember the **T31T Kanton Island** operation will be from **September 23rd through October 3rd**. The **ZK3DX Fakaofu Island** (Tokelau) operation is scheduled for **October 7-12th**. Very shortly, the update news page will be activated at: <http://www.qsl.net/t31t/news.html>. There will be no online log on their WEB page! Please do not send E-mail to the WEB-master. Everything should go to: t31t@qsl.net. Lech mentions that some of the sponsored money will actually be used to buy supplies for the locals on Kanton (T31) and Fakaofu (ZK3). There has not been any supply boats on these islands for months. Lastly, the team still needs more donations!

PACIFIC OPERATION (ZL1AMO on move again). Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, will leave New Zealand on **September 8th** to operate for one week as **3D2RW** from **Fiji**. After Fiji he will then spend one week at **Samoa** and will operate as **5W1CW**, if a suitable location is found. On September 22nd, Ron will leave by ship for **ZK3** and will arrive at **Nukunono Atoll September 24/25th**. Ron will stay on the island approx. **4 weeks** until the ship returns. Look for Ron to be active mainly on CW and the lower bands, especially 160 meters.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Jim Smith, **VK9NS**, reports to OPDX that he will be leaving Norfolk Island soon, and the QSLing will stop until he gets back. He wants us to tell everyone to "Please ask the guys/gals not to re-QSL." Jim is due back on Norfolk Island in mid November. By the way, Jim has been working some RTTY and is really enjoying PSK31.
- The new address for QSLs for **ZD8V** is as follows: Paul L Hutley, 298 Logan Ave., Sharon, Pa 16146. Paul informs OPDX that, "This is my parents' address and will be a good one for a long time to come. I don't know how long they will forward my mail from my address from Ascension to my parents address in Sharon Pa., so I would like to get everything moving that way now so I don't have to worry about missing mail."
- It has been reported that Abdollah, **EP2FM**, states that he is not receiving all the envelopes that he should and is having a difficult time cashing in IRCs. He states most postal workers in Iran have not heard of IRCs, and currently one IRC is not enough for one stamp to send a letter to a country like the USA and Canada. However, he still prefers IRCs over green stamps because they seem to make it through the mail better. Abdollah's E-mail address is: as@neda.net
- Alan, **VK4AAR**, reports that the **Australian Overseas Postal Charges **WILL RISE DRAMATICALLY**** in the immediate future. Please act accordingly.
- The following new/updated logs are now online at: <http://dx.qsl.net/logs/>

KP2/K6RO	(July 1999)	9X0A	(March 1996 thru April 1998)
WP2Z	(1999 IARU Contest)	IZ4AFW	(thru August 29, 1999)
VQ9CV	(thru August 29, 1999)	4K9W	(thru August 16, 1999)
DU1ODX	(thru August 31, 1999)	KP4AH	(thru August 28, 1999)
DS5DNO	(thru August 31, 1999)	ED6EIG	(August 1999)

- **L27DIR** special event station active May 16-23rd to celebrate the "75th Anniversary of the World Record of Distance" should be QSLed to LU7DIR via the bureau or direct to: Jose E. Campos, P.O. Box 26, 1650 San Martin, Bs. Aires, ARGENTINA.
- QSL **9M2K** via QSL Manager 9M2AA as per Callbook and QRZ.COM. This was a

special event station in Port Dickson, Malaysia in commemoration of year 2000 (Y2K) by the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters' Society. There will be a special commemorative QSL card issued for the event.

T8, PALAU. Toshi/JA6QXW and Mac/JA1OYP will be active as **T88XW** and **T88XX**, respectively from **September 12-15th**. Activity will be on 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 meters. HF power will be 500W and on 6m 200W(?) with beam antennas. QSL T88XW via JA6QXW and T88XX via JA1OYP.

VP2, MONTSERRAT '99 DX-PEDITION. A press release by Josep, EA3BT, reports that an operation will take place **October 22-30th**. Team members Josep/EA3BT and Nuria/EA3WL (YL station) will use the call sign **VP2MBT** and **VP2MGL**. Activity will be on 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters SSB, RTTY and some CW. Josep states, "Because of the last eruption of the Soufrieres volcano on the island of Montserrat that happened in 1997, the radio amateur activity from the island has been very poor. This is the reason why we think that it is convenient to organize a DXpedition that covers the demand over this DXCC country. Our aim is to be active in the maximum number of bands and modes, attending the requests that can be done to us." QSL via EA3BT. An online log search will be available and is under construction at: <http://www.qsl.net/ea3bt/>

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Look for Steve, W7TZ, to sign **ZF2CQ** now **through September 18th**. This will be a SSB only operation. QSL is via W7TZ direct.

ZS5, SOUTH AFRICA. Edwin, ZS5BBO, reports that he will be active in the upcoming **CQWW DX SSB Contest** as a single station on a single band signing **ZS5T**.

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